

“Listening to the Still Small Voice: The Story of George Washington Carver” presented by actor and playwright Paxton Williams, a graduate of Dr. Carver’s alma mater, Iowa State University.

Friday, February 29th - 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Programs will be at the Historic Old Courthouse in the rotunda.

Anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision on March 6, 1857, the United States Supreme Court handed down its historic decision. The National Park Service will commemorate this historic event on **Saturday, March 1st** with a series of presentations at the Historic Old Courthouse, the site of Scott’s first two trials.

10:30 a.m.-**“Listening to the Still Small Voice: The Story of George Washington Carver”** presented by actor and playwright Paxton Williams.

11:30 a.m.-**“Blow Family Memories”** presents a historic portrayal of Charlotte and Taylor Blow, the daughter and son of Peter Blow, owner of Dred Scott. National Park Service Rangers Nancy Hoppe and Chris Anibal focus on the lives of the Blow Family children as they recount stories of their childhood growing up with Dred Scott.

12:00 p.m.-**Ruth Ann Hager** a certified genealogist from the St. Louis County Library presents a Power Point program about Dred Scott and his family and provides details of their lives while in St. Louis.

1:00 p.m.-**“Listening to the Still Small Voice: The Story of George Washington Carver”** Paxton Williams will return to the Historic Old Courthouse rotunda to present an encore presentation.

2:00 p.m.-**Ranger-led Dred Scott 1850 Mock Trial** Through scripts based on this actual trial, park visitors will have the opportunity to play the roles of the judge, attorneys, plaintiff (Dred Scott), defendant (Irene Emerson), witness, jury, bailiff and court clerk. This mock trial will be conducted in one of the restored courtrooms on the second floor of the Historic Old Courthouse.

School and community groups attending Thursday & Friday presentations must make reservations by calling (314) 655-1700 to ensure seating.

WHY: African Americans have played central roles in some of the most triumphant and courageous moments in the history of the United States. During National African American History Month, the National Park Service will honor the rich heritage of African Americans and pay tribute to their many contributions to the nation through a month-long series of free performances and presentations.

The Historic Old Courthouse is open daily from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The Museum of Westward Expansion at the Gateway Arch Visitor Center is open daily from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. All daily and special programs are FREE of charge. For reservations and additional information call 314-655-1700 or 7-1-1 Voice / TTY, Telecommunications Relay Services or you can visit our web site at: <http://www.nps.gov/jeff>